

## **Executive Order 2010-08**

### **Continuance Of The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Amends Executive Order 2007-26)**

**WHEREAS**, the children of the State of Arizona are our most valuable resource and our most important responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, social and cultural conditions are increasingly jeopardizing the health, safety, and well-being of Arizona's children, youth, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to keep Arizona children out of crime are important; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order 2007-26, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission was created within the Governor's Division for Children to help address juvenile crime and child welfare within the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janice K. Brewer, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Governor of Arizona by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (the "Commission") shall continue as established under Executive Order 2007-26, serving in a supervisory capacity over the duties for which it was established as set forth in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, the reauthorization of 2002, and any subsequent reauthorization (Hereinafter collectively referred to as "JJDP").
2. The Commission shall also assist in the development of the State's Three-Year Plan and associated updates and establish funding priorities for the implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Formula Grant program;
3. The Commission shall also serve as the State Advisory Board, and assist in the development of the State's Three-Year Plan and associated updates and establish funding priorities for the implementation of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program, per the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, codified in 42 USC 3796ee, as authorized and any subsequent reauthorization;
4. The Commission shall also serve as the State Task Force, and assist in the development of the State's Three-Year Plan and associated updates and establish funding priorities for the implementation of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act/Children's Justice Act, codified in 42 USC 5106c, as amended and reauthorized in October 1996. (Hereinafter collectively referred to as "CJA").
5. The Governor's Division for Children shall continue to serve as the lead entity for administration of the Commission.
6. Effective immediately, the Governor shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.
7. The Commission shall be responsible for:
  - a. Advising the Governor and Legislature of the State of Arizona on those matters relating to the improvement of the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and its services to youth, and programs relating to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases;
  - b. Advocating for full implementation of the JJDP, The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act and CJA or any subsequent federal law or Act that may set forth requirements for the funding of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and accountability programs or other programs relating to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases in the State;

- c. Addressing the linkage between the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system and supporting efforts to improve interagency coordination service delivery, and sharing of data relating to youth involved in both systems;
  - d. Advocating for alternatives to juvenile detention, corrections system improvements, and re-entry efforts that improve outcomes for all youth and families involved in Arizona's juvenile justice system;
  - e. Reviewing Arizona's juvenile justice system, and child welfare system making recommendations for system improvements, and developing plans to implement reform efforts;
  - f. Improving coordination of policy development and state and federal funding associated with juvenile justice system and child protection efforts, particularly in the investigation of cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim; and
  - g. Supporting the Division for Children's efforts to both monitor for compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, and ensure Arizona has an adequate system in place to monitor jails, lockups, detention and correctional facilities, and non-secure facilities for compliance with federal regulations for the secure holding of juveniles.
8. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Commission shall:
- a. Work jointly with the Governor's Division for Children to administer funding associated with the JJDPA, JABG and CJA in accordance with appropriate state and federal law;
  - b. Coordinate with any official committee with responsibility for the reform of State juvenile correctional functions;
  - c. Make final determination of funding recipients for federal funding of juvenile justice funds of the JJDPA, JABG and CJA;
  - d. Develop an annual report to be distributed to the Governor and the Legislature that includes recommendations regarding state compliance with the JJDPA and recommended system improvements relating to CJA.
9. This Executive Order amends Executive Order 2007-26.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*Janice K. Brewer*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

*Ken Blumett*

SECRETARY OF STATE

